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CARTER'S JULY VISIT

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SUMMARY: THE SPATE OF TERRORIST ACTIONS DURING THE PAST
WEEK (REFTELS C THROUGH F) HAS CAUSED US TO ALTER OUR
ASSESSMENT GIVEN IN REFTEL B, ALTHOUGH WE CONTINUE TO BE-
LIEVE THAT THE SECURITY OF THE PRESIDENT DURING HIS
VISIT CAN BE FULLY SAFEGUARDED. END SUMMARY.

1. THE JUNE 2 TERRORISTS HAVE APPARENTLY NOW BEGUN A
MORE ACTIVIST AND VIOLENT STAGE OF THEIR "STRUGGLE", DIS-
PLAYING IN THE PROCESS A WILLINGNESS TO TAKE CONSIDERABLE
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RISKS. IN ADDITION TO THE FREEING OF DEFENDANT TILL MEYER
IN A BOLD--ALMOST FOOLHARDY--OPERATION MAY 27, THE PAST
SEVERAL DAYS HAVE SEEN THE SHOOTING AND WOUNDING OF ONE
COURT-APPOINTED DEFENSE ATTORNEY, THE ATTEMPT FIRE-BOMBING OF A
SECOND ATTORNEY'S CAR, AND THE THREATENING WITH BODILY HARM OF A
GIRL FRIEND OF A THIRD ATTORNEY IF HE CONTINUED AS ONE OF THE
DEFENSE COUNSELS IN THE TRIAL. (THE PRESS HAS NOT YET LEARNED OF THE

THREAT.) A LETTER RECEIVED BY THE BERLIN DPA BUREAU PURPORTEDLY FROM THE "REVOLUTIONARY CELLS" ALSO THREATENED COURT-APPOINTED DEFENSE ATTORNEYS.

2. IN AN APPARENTLY UNRELATED DEVELOPMENT DURING THIS PERIOD, ON MAY 28 AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS DISCOVERED ON A WINDOW STILL OF THE ITALIAN CONSULATE GENERAL BUILDING AND DEACTIVATED.

3. APART FROM THE ITALIAN CONSULATE GENERAL BOMB INCIDENT, ALL OF THESE EVENTS ARE DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE LORENZ/DRENKMANN TRIAL. THEY HAVE BEEN PURPOSEFUL IN THEIR OBJECTIVE, SEEKING TO FREE SOME OF THE PRISONERS (E.G., MEYER AND VOGEL, THE LATTER UNSUCCESSFULLY) AND DISRUPT THE TRIAL THROUGH VIOLENT ACTIONS INTENDED TO INTIMIDATE COURT-APPOINTED DEFENSE ATTORNEYS.

4. WELL-KNOWN TERRORISTS INGE VIETT, GABRIELE ROLLNIK AND INGRID SIEPMANN HAVE NOW BEEN IDENTIFIED AS PERPETRATORS OF THE MAY 27 ACTION TO FREE MEYER AND ANDREAS VOGEL, AND THERE IS SOME SUSPICION THAT JULIANE PLAMBECK WAS INVOLVED AS WELL. CONTRARY TO THE REPORT IN PARA 5 OF REFTEL E, INFORMATION NOW INDICATES THAT THE POLICE DID NOT KNOW IN ADVANCE OF THE TERRORIST SAFEHOUSE THAT WAS USED PRIOR TO THE PRISON BREAK. IT WAS UNCOVERED AFTER THE BREAK. THE POLICE ARE ALSO NOT SURE THAT THE FUGITIVES RETURNED TO IT TO CHANGE DISGUISES PRIOR TO FLEEING. THE
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FINGERPRINTS OF VIETT, ROLLNIK AND SIEPMANN WERE FOUND IN THE DWELLING. THERE IS NO DIRECT EVIDENCE THAT PLAMBECK WAS ALSO WITH THE PERPETRATORS, BUT THE POLICE ADDED HER NAME BECAUSE OF HER PAST CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH VIETT AND ROLLNIK. IT ALSO NOW APPEARS THAT BOTH OF THE FEMALES WHO FREED TILL MEYERS WERE CARRYING SUBMACHINE GUNS, INSTEAD OF ONLY ONE.

5. THE IMPACT OF THESE ACTIONS HAS PROBABLY SURPASSED THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE TERRORISTS AND CERTAINLY EXCEEDED ANY OBJECTIVE LIMITED TO INTERFERING WITH THE TRIAL ALONE. PUBLIC CONFIDENCE HAS BEEN SHAKEN, AND THE BERLIN DEVELOPMENTS HAVE BECOME A FOCUS OF NATIONAL POLITICAL INTEREST WITH SOME INTERNATIONAL REVERBERATIONS (TODAY'S PRESS REPORTS THAT GDR POLICE AND PROSECUTORS HAVE AGREED TO OPERATE). IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THAT THE SENATOR FOR JUSTICE WILL HAVE TO RESIGN IN THE NEAR FUTURE OVER THE MEYER EPISODE. THE POLICE ARE NOW FORCED TO STRAIN RESOURCES FURTHER TO PROVIDE CLOSE PERSONAL PROTECTION TO DEFENSE ATTORNEYS (AS WELL AS PROSECUTORS AND JUDGES). THEY ALSO MUST ENGAGE IN AN EXTENDED OPERATION OF SURPRISE ROADBLOCKS IN COMING DAYS AND WEEKS IN WHAT WILL PROBABLY BE A FRUSTRATING AND UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO APPREHEND TERRORISTS.

6. THERE ARE NO CLEAR INDICATIONS HOW THE JUNE 2

TERRORISTS IN BERLIN AT LARGE WILL MAKE USE OF THE CURRENT LULL IN THE TRIAL UNTIL JUNE 27 (REPORTED SEPTTEL). THE ASSUMPTION IS STRONG THAT THE TERRORISTS' MAJOR PREOCCUPATION CONTINUES TO BE THEIR COMRADES IN PRISON. HOWEVER, THE INFLAMMATORY REMARKS MADE BY DEFENDANT ANDREAS VOGEL SUGGEST A RESUMPTION OF INTEREST IN MORE VIOLENT ACTION. WE NOTE THAT THE US, ITS INSTITUTIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES ARE PROBABLY HIGH ON THE MOVEMENT'S OVERALL ENEMY LIST AND NOTE ALSO THE BOMBING REPORTED IN THIS MORNING'S PRESS BY THE "REVOLUTIONARY CELLS" ON WEDNESDAY AGAINST A US FORCES HOTEL IN WIESBADEN.

7. US AND BERLIN POLICE AND LFV AUTHORITIES ARE MONITORING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TERRORIST SCENE CLOSELY FOR ANY TANGIBLE SIGN THAT THE TERRORISTS MAY BEGIN TARGETTING PERSONS UNCONNECTED DIRECTLY TO THE
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TRIALS, SUCH AS PROMINENT BERLINERS OR GERMAN VISITORS, OR ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES IN BERLIN. IF THERE IS A DANGER IN THIS AREA, WE FEEL IT IS PRIMARILY TO THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE CITY, WHOSE MOVEMENTS CAN BE STUDIED BY THE TERRORISTS, AND WHOSE PROTECTION CAN ONLY BE PARTIALLY EFFECTIVE AT BEST. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE POLICE AND SECURITY FORCES, WITH SECRET SERVICE GUIDANCE AND PARTICIPATION, ARE CAPABLE OF ENSURING THE SAFETY OF THE PRESIDENT DURING HIS VISIT.

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